

Data Sheet

USAID Mission:	Europe Regional
Program Title:	Rule of Law
Pillar:	Democracy, Conflict and Humanitarian Assistance
Strategic Objective:	180-0220
Status:	Continuing
Proposed FY 2003 Obligation:	\$862,000 AEEB
Prior Year Unobligated:	\$435,000 AEEB
Proposed FY 2004 Obligation:	\$728,000 AEEB
Year of Initial Obligation:	FY 1989
Estimated Completion Date:	FY 2006

Summary: USAID's rule of law program promotes legal systems that better support democratic processes and market reforms including through training, grants and technical assistance in the following areas: regional approaches to legal education, including distance learning; building local legal reform organizations; and program development support for missions in rule of law and anti-corruption.

Inputs, Outputs, Activities:

FY 2003 Program:

Rule of law (\$862,000 AEEB). USAID will continue to fund advisors to provide organizational development assistance to key legal reform partner NGOs in Central and Eastern Europe. Three additional partner NGOs are being added, bringing the number of partner organizations receiving organizational development assistance to 53. Course material for a distance learning program will be developed in collaboration with CEE organizations. Two additional country assessments are planned (Bulgaria and possibly Russia) as part of the E&E Regional Legal Impact Assessment, following which all eight country assessment findings will be synthesized into a final report on impact experience in the E&E region. Support to missions will continue with assessments, strategy advice, and program design to support mission rule of law and anti-corruption objectives. The Baltic Regional Initiative will be ending in early FY 2003. Implementers include the American Bar Association/Central European and Eurasian Law Initiative (ABA/CEELI) (prime); Management Systems International (prime); OECD (prime); Florida State University (prime); local legal reform organizations.

FY 2004 Program:

Rule of law (\$728,000 AEEB). In FY 2004, funding will be used to continue the institutionalization of legal education in the region, through distance learning methods with collaborative partner institutions in Russia and Bulgaria. It will also be used to continue to support the development of local legal reform NGOs so that they become sustainable, viable entities, and to continue assessments, strategy advice and program support to missions.

Performance and Results: In FY 2002, USAID completed its support to the OECD Anti-Corruption Network. Following the review of various proposals, USAID also transferred its Anti-Corruption Gateway for Europe & Eurasia website (<http://www.nobribes.org>) to Transparency International/Russia (TI/Russia) and ABA/CEELI. TI/Russia and ABA/CEELI have agreed to operate the website jointly without USAID funding. A regional institution building advisor (RIBA) and in-country institution building advisors (IBAs) provided comprehensive organizational development assistance to key legal reform partner NGOs in Central and Eastern Europe. The E&E Regional Legal Impact Assessment program began in October 2001. Two additional country assessments were completed in FY 2002, bringing to six the total number of country assessments completed so far.

US Financing in Thousands of Dollars

Europe Regional

180-0220 Rule of Law	AEEB	ESF
Through September 30, 2001		
Obligations	13,515	123
Expenditures	9,649	122
Unliquidated	3,866	1
Fiscal Year 2002		
Obligations	958	0
Expenditures	2,645	0
Through September 30, 2002		
Obligations	14,473	123
Expenditures	12,294	122
Unliquidated	2,179	1
Prior Year Unobligated Funds		
Obligations	435	0
Planned Fiscal Year 2003 NOA		
Obligations	862	0
Total Planned Fiscal Year 2003		
Obligations	1,297	0
Proposed Fiscal Year 2004 NOA		
Obligations	728	0
Future Obligations	0	0
Est. Total Cost	16,498	123